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Lutheran  
Women's  
Missionary  
League  
invites you  
to the 34<sup>th</sup>  
Biennial  
Convention

# TIDINGS

Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District

## 2011 Convention Information— "Will it Play in Peoria?"

Thursday, June 23 –  
Sunday, June 26, 2011

Peoria Civic Center  
Peoria, Illinois

Being with Jesus –  
Living on the Edge

### Scripture

And they realized they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."  
Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

### Goal Statement

Empowered by being with Jesus, I courageously speak of Him and live a life transformed by His love.

### Convention Objectives

Convention attendees will:

- Praise the Triune God
- Encounter Him in His Word
- Live boldly as His children

Plan now to attend! Let's show up in record numbers & have an awesome convention experience together! Go RMD!

For up-to-date information, see the 2010 Winter issue of the Quarterly or Web site [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)



## In Everything Give Thanks

Have you heard the phrase "attitude of gratitude"? As we approach the thanksgiving season and thoughts turn to thankfulness, I realize that gratitude is more than a thought process.

I've had a wooden plaque hanging in the kitchen of various houses over the past 25 years which reads "In Everything Give Thanks".

Obviously, this idea of gratitude has preoccupied me for many years.

Along the way I decided that gratitude is a conscious decision to recognize my blessings combined with a thankful heart - yet gratitude should be expressed not just for positive blessings.

In EVERYTHING Give Thanks!

No matter what my thoughts, my burdens, my sins - Jesus takes me to the foot of the cross where I see how much He loves me - enough to

die for me. He shows me His love and that He will always be with me.

Remember the LWML Pledge?

*"In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have..."*

With gratitude and Joy in His Service,  
*Carol*

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## We Must Get the Message Out!

Rev. Gary Rahe  
Senior Pastoral Counselor

### RMD LWML 2010-2012 Vision Statement



#### Build Up In Love Daily

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11** (English Standard Version)

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Christmas is coming! I don't need to tell you, do I? There are indications everywhere. The stores have stocked their shelves. Catalogs arrive on a regular basis. Soon, music will fill the airwaves and advertising will constant. As soon as December hits, there will be a flurry of activities to mark the season.

Now, my purpose in this article is not to share with you my thoughts about Christmas. Not that there is any problem with the season in which we as Christians celebrate the birthday of our Lord. I use the Christmas season as an example for those who are in LWML. And how is that you ask? It's simple.

We just had a convention in the Rocky Mountain District this past summer. Grand Junction was a grand experience. However, many, many more could have taken advantage of the opportunity. No matter what I

or anyone else would say, you had to be there to have the effect of the event. And because it was such an uplifting and Spirit filled gathering, I want more and more of our LWML members to experience what the LWML offers in future conventions.

Just like Christmas advertising, we must get the message out and keep it before you in order for you to be planning ahead and making sure you are ready for the next District LWML Convention in El Paso in the summer of 2012. And, since there will be a National Convention in 2011 you need to know about that activity as well. This may seem early, but we want everyone to know how special the next convention will be.

I challenge you to begin discussing the El Paso Convention in the summer of 2012. Within your societies begin making plans to attend. Take a little time at each meeting to

talk about what such an experience will do for you and for your societies. If you have women who have attended conventions in the past, let them share their wonderful experiences. Build excitement.

You know, there is not that many days left until Christmas. Still shopping to do, cards to address and send, parties to plan, decorating and baking and more.

There are only 17 months until El Paso in the summer of 2012. There is a lot to do. So, we better get started. I just know this will be the best convention of the Rocky Mountain District ever.

I can't wait to see all your smiling faces in El Paso. Who knows, Ida B. Happy just might be there as well.

One more thing, how are your MITE offerings doing in your societies and congregations? Let's stay ahead and make sure the mission grants are funded and funded early.

## Know Your Mission Grants

*Judy Piepkorn  
VP Mission Grants*

### Mission Grant Recipients for the 2010-2012 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Trinity/HOPE – Feeding Haitian Children	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance Program	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Kings Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Veterans of the Cross	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Developing Religious Curriculum for God’s People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000
Opening a New Outreach Center Ft. Collins, CO- Lutheran Blind Mission	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Missionary Household Setup - Lutheran Bible Translators	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Expansion of the Ministry of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, TX	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Mission Outreach to Immigrants from Ethiopia (Aurora, CO)	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Scholarship Assistance to Students Preparing for Ethnic Ministry	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>



**Bible verse:** 1 Peter 4: 1 & 10 ESV

*Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.*

**Who will attend?**

- Zone Presidents (or their representatives)
- Another Guest from each zone (a possible future leader —talk with your zone president if you’d like to attend)

**What happens at BOD?**

- We handle RMD business
- (vote for RMD YWRs, select the RMD banner, register for the June 2011 LWML convention in Peoria, IL)
- We attend workshops (learn about how to run a rally, leader development, resources for Christian Life, mission grant support, human care projects)
- We study the Bible

**Questions?**

Contact President Carol for more details

**YIKEEEES!**  
I've been  
elected the  
president  
of my  
society/  
circle/zone!  
Now what  
do I do????

### LWML Resource Materials

Whether you're an experience leader or brand new, LWML has many resource materials available to help serve your needs as well as, save your time and patience. As a leader, **ORGANIZATION** is the key to unlocking the door to successful and responsible leadership.

Why is an agenda important?  
We're only having a short informal meeting anyway?

An agenda is an organized outline of the subjects to be discussed and decisions to be determined during a meeting. Knowing these subjects before the

meeting enables the leader of a committee or an organization to be prepared for the upcoming discussion on the event and allows for the focus of the meeting to stay on the selected subjects of the agenda, thus preventing discussions wandering off on "tangents" having nothing to do with the meeting at hand. This makes for shorter, more purposeful meetings.

In the Fall Rally Packets a sample agenda with explanations was included in each society packet. Try this resource, copy off the agenda form, and use it for meetings. It will help the president be

more prepared and is a useful tool for the secretary to use as she records the minutes.

There are lots of other resource tools available in the **LWML Catalog** to help prepare leaders to serve their Lord with gladness through the LWML. Feel free to email the Leader Development Committee at [vp-servant-resources@rmdlwml.org](mailto:vp-servant-resources@rmdlwml.org) for ideas to help you be a more effective and organized leader. We are here to help you!

Serving Him with you,  
Sylvia Bean  
VP of Servant Resources

### Calling for Banner Designs!

Have you heard the RMD LWML needs banner design?

Our president Carol will carry a banner at the Peoria convention, June 2011.

Details are in all rally packets.

Ask your society president for information.

**HURRY** the deadline in January q5, 3022.

Still have question? Email [publicrelations@rmdlwml.org](mailto:publicrelations@rmdlwml.org)



## We Want YOU to be YWR!

### We Want YOU to be a YWR!

LWML is an organization that can provide you with rich and abundant experiences no matter what your level of participation is.

Through the combined efforts of thousands of ladies from around the country, countless lives around the world are being touched with the Word of God. If this sounds like an organization that you would like to become a part of, apply to become a Young Woman Representative (YWR) for

the Rocky Mountain District to the 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML National Convention in June 2011 held in Peoria, Illinois. A YWR is any young woman (preferably 22-35 years of age), who is a member of the LCMS and has a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ. Share that devotion with those around you! Simply contact your church's LWML society for an application. Don't wait until the **December 31, 2011 deadline** to fill it out because you don't

want to miss all of the amazing experiences that await you in LWML.

If you are a more experienced LWML lady, please encourage a young woman in your church to apply. She won't be able to thank you enough! Any questions can be directed to Julie Lemke via e-mail at [julie.lemke@cuw.edu](mailto:julie.lemke@cuw.edu) or by phone at 505-553-2413.



Julie Lemke and Glacia Peck  
RMD YWRs at the 2009  
convention in Portland

## 2010 RMD Convention, Zone YWR Report, Northern Zone

In June I had the privilege to attend the LWML District Convention in Grand Junction with so many lovely Lutheran ladies. While I'd never been to an LWML convention, I did know a bit about what the LWML is about and certainly learned more while there. As a Young Woman Representative, I was able to meet other women my age and really enjoyed the time we shared. We were able to talk about

our own experiences and to brainstorm some ideas to take home with us about being more involved and encouraging others. Some of my favorite parts of the convention included Rev. Piepkorn and Rev. Rahe's Bible studies on baptism, Eloise Kuhlmann's session about servant leadership, and getting to know the other YWRs. As a result of this experience, I have met with another young woman in my congre-

gation who is excited to get involved with the LWML and to make it more welcoming to young women. I also will be serving on the district YWR committee and look forward to working with other young ladies in the next two years. Thank you for this opportunity, and I hope to meet some of you at the next convention!

Reena Linke  
Parish Worker  
Peace With Christ Lutheran  
Church, Ft Collins, CO

*Check your  
society  
packet for the  
YWR  
application  
for the Peoria,  
IL convention!*

## RMD Convention Q & A

### Questions

1. Why don't we do more activities in the host city for the convention? "Build in some free time so we can see a little of the host city, or plan an event at a local attraction."

2. Why wasn't a signer at the convention for the hearing impaired? "Please include Deaf Ministry/ signing interpreter."

3. Why don't we have a schedule of the convention before the convention starts? "I did not receive a convention schedule while at home. I assumed since I paid for Friday night that the meeting did not start until after dinner that evening. The president's letter could have included a start and a closing time."

4. Why aren't first timers told what to expect at the convention? "Give better instructions for 1st timers."

5. Why can't we sit where we want to during the convention? "I don't think delegates should be separated from others."

### Answers

1. That would be so much fun! Unfortunately, the transportation logistics would be a nightmare, extra planning would need to be done, and the costs would have to be added to registration. At most conventions, the hotel will honor the convention room rate for a day before/day after the convention. How about planning an event for your society or zone members to explore? It could turn out to be another "mountain top experience".

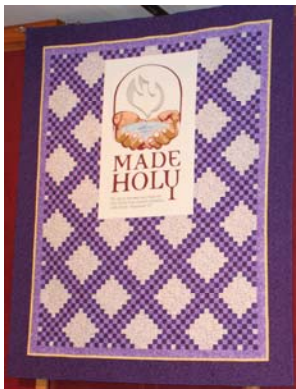
2. On the registration form there is a place to indicate special needs while at the convention. These special needs identify dietary, signer, wheelchair accessibility, or other needs. Please be sure to indicate your special needs for the next convention and if you have questions, contact the Convention Registrar for details.

3. We're sorry you missed the start of the convention. Upon the receipt of your convention registration, you should have received confirmation either by e-mail or mail. That confirmation included information about the schedule (although abbreviated) for the convention. Traditionally,

the district convention begins at 1 pm with the opening service. The Friday night meal is the first meal included in the meal package.

4. While many of us have been attending conventions for quite awhile, there are new attendees at each convention. The Executive Committee will be discussing ways to familiarize new delegates or attendees with "what happens at a district convention". In the meantime, if 1st timers still have questions about what occurred during the convention, please contact your society or zone president. She will be glad to answer any of your questions.

5. The seating chart for the Delegates was not intended to be exclusive or separate you from your friends. The delegates were seated as they were to facilitate the process of voting and in order to keep the convention agenda on schedule. If the ballots had to be passed out to delegates that were seated all over the room, voting would have taken even more time. The number of eligible voters varied at each balloting, so the ballots could not be distributed to the delegates all at one time.



## Stitchin' Servants

Four years ago I wrote about Holy Cross LWML starting a knitting/crocheting workshop. It has been so successful that I thought it was worth mentioning again. This ministry has attracted more participants than anything else we've done. The workshop was renamed *Stitchin' Servants* and we meet the third Saturday of the month. Novices feel welcome as they learn a new skill in making 7x9-inch rectangles that are later stitched together making a finished product. The more experienced use different patterns to create afghans or baby blankets, shawls, neck scarves, hats, etc. All the yarn is donated

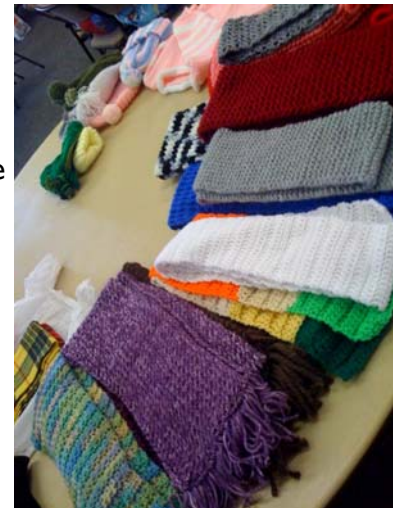
and we supply the tools.

We have made so many wonderful gifts that I have lost count; however, last August we gave 20 afghans, 18 scarves, 10 hats, and 5 pairs of gloves to "Crossfire Ministries." A special Christian faith based organization here in Colorado Springs, providing help and outreach to families and individuals who are needy of encouragement, guidance, and basic provisions. In January all the baby items go to the local Pregnancy Center. Another ministry that offers hope and guidance.

We thank God for blessing us with this

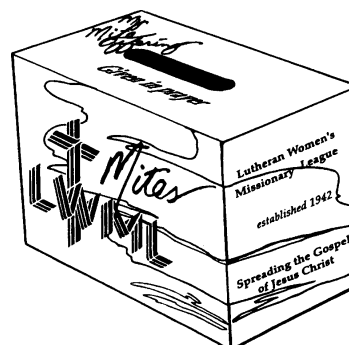
outreach activity and ask that you join us in prayer: "Dear God, please use these talents to serve Your purpose in the world. Bless each item and fill it with Your spirit, so that they may become physical expressions of Your love. May they radiate peace, goodwill, comfort and, most of all, Your divine love to the recipients." Amen.

*Holy Cross LWML,  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Joyce Shaffer, Publicity*



## Mite Information

Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer. Her address is:  
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c/o Nancy Doty  
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Fort Morgan, CO 80701



Question:  
How do we get  
mite boxes?

Answer:  
From treasurer  
Nancy Doty

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